

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. A carrier for a chromatographic column assembly, comprising at least one connecting part for connecting the carrier to the chromatographic column assembly.

5 2. The carrier according to claim 1, wherein the carrier is in the form of a strip.

3. The carrier according to claim 1, wherein at least one connecting part comprises an aperture in the carrier.

10 4. The carrier according to claim 1, comprising a further connecting part for connecting the carrier to a further chromatographic column assembly.

5. The carrier according to claim 1, wherein the carrier comprises metal.

15 6. The carrier according to claim 1, wherein the carrier includes at least one part adapted for mounting a chromatographic column connector thereon.

7. The carrier according to claim 1, wherein the carrier includes at least one part for displaying information.

20 8. The carrier according to claim 1, including a device for holding a chromatographic column.

9. The carrier according to claim 1, including a measurement indicia.

25 10. In combination, the carrier according to claim 1, and at least one chromatographic column assembly, comprising a structure around which a chromatographic column is wound.

11. The combination of claim 10, wherein the structure includes one or more connectors for connecting to the carrier.

12. The combination of claim 11, wherein at the one connector or each connector comprises a hook.

13. The combination of claim 10, wherein the structure comprises upper and lower annular 5 members connected by a plurality of connecting bars, at least one of which forms the one or more connectors.

14. A strip form part for use with said winding structure of a chromatographic column, equipped with at least two clips to hold chromatographic column ends.

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15. A strip form part for use with a winding structure of a chromatographic column, wherein the strip form contains chromatographic column identification information.

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16. A strip form part for use with a winding structure of a chromatographic column, wherein the strip form part contains a ruler for measuring column insertion length.